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ABOUT LOREE SUTTON

Loree Sutton, MD is a lifelong public servant and retired Brigadier General who, as the Army's highest-ranking psychiatrist and Commissioner of New York City's Department of Veterans' Services, has devoted 35 years of service to the nation and New York.

Loree's decorated Army career includes earning a Bronze Star for her actions in combat while deployed to Operation Desert Storm. Selected as a White House Fellow, the nation's premier leadership program, Sutton also commanded the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Hood, TX during the height of Operation Iraqi Freedom hostilities. Serving as the Founding Director of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, Loree's visionary leadership yielded transformational change for generations to come.

In New York City, Loree served as the Founding Commissioner for New York City's Department of Veterans' Services (DVS.) Under Sutton's leadership, DVS, the nation's first municipal agency devoted solely to improving the lives of veterans and their families, pioneered numerous groundbreaking policy and innovative program successes. Select DVS actions include achieving a 90 percent decrease in veteran homelessness; establishing veterans as a protected class in NYC human rights law; and pioneering the city's first social impact bond for veteran employment ([a full report on DVS achievements can be found here.](#))

Loree's campaign for Mayor launched in November of 2019, fueled by her conviction that New York City faces challenges which exceed the capacity of 'politics as usual' to lift up all New Yorkers and lead our city forward. She passionately believes there's nothing wrong with New York that cannot be fixed with what's right with New York — and that's all of us, working together, now.

Married to Laurie Leitch, Loree is stepmother to Laurie's two children, Chris and Lindsay, and cherishes their two grandsons. They share their home with beloved pup Moxie and are forever proud New Yorkers.